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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
1000 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that the Department of Defense ("DOD") calculate the cost to taxpayers of President Bush's trip to and from the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln.

As you are undoubtedly aware, on Thursday, May 1, 2003, the President flew on a U.S. Navy jet to the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln, an aircraft carrier in the Pacific Ocean. I would like the Defense Department to determine what the cost to taxpayers was for transporting the President to the carrier, his stay on the carrier, his flight from the carrier to shore, and any changes made in the carrier's or the jet's schedule or procedure for the President's visit. Such costs would include, but not be limited to, the cost of security, transportation, and any other expenses that would not have incurred but for the President's visit.

I would appreciate the results of your investigation by June 1, 2003. Please reply to my Committee office at 2142 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, and fax to Perry Apfelbaum, my Chief Counsel, at (202) 225-4423. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my staff at (202) 225-6906.

Sincerely,



John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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